

IMPORTANT SALE

AT HEAD & AT HEAD
CHOICE PURE-BRED JERSEY
CATTLE
 TO BE HELD ON THE
SHOWBOARDS, LIVERPOOL,
 TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, APRIL 8,
 AT 1 O'CLOCK.
WILLIAM TROJES and **HON. W. A. LONG, CHIPP**
 LONDON, LIVERPOOL, to sell by auction, on
 SHOWBOARDS, LIVERPOOL, on THURSDAY
 APRIL 28th, at 1 o'clock.
 THE WHOLE OF HIS FARM NEBD OF
 JERSEY CATTLE.
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 11 o'clock, arriving at Liverpool at 10.30 and 11.30, leaving
 from Liverpool at 3.50 p.m., and arriving in Jersey
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 THE SHOWBOARDS ARE ABOUT 80 YARDS
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AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE

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AT 10.30 A.M. TO-MORROW, TUESDAY.

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PRIVATE TABLES and EGGS, KITCHEN, ORNATE
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Tables, Ironing Machine, Copper-plate
Toilet, complete with a room, Portable Bath, &
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VICTORIA.

A VILLAGE SETTLEMENT COMMISSION.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.
Members of the Village Settlement Commission of South Australia arrived in Melbourne today. They will inspect the village settlements of Victoria, noting the methods of working and their organization, with a view to comparison with kindred settlements in South Australia. The party consists of Mr. J. H. Thomas, of the Lands Department, who arranged for them to visit the village settlements in the colony. The party leaves tomorrow for Gippsland, returning to Melbourne on Thursday night.

During the sitting of the Premier's Conference on Friday the Premier discussed the question of altering the date fixed for the colonial station for taking the census, so that it might be taken throughout Australia on the same day as in Great Britain. The Premier was favourable to the proposed change of date, but before sanctioning it he wished to consult the statistics as to whether there was any serious objection. In reply to the question of his health at the Mayor's luncheon party on Friday, Mr. Lyne explained that he was suffering from a cold, and that he had been unable to attend the luncheon party, but that he had been able to attend the meeting of the Premier's Conference on Friday.

EXPLOSION AT WOOLLOO-MOOLLOO BAY.

A LAUNCH LUNG TO PIECES.
ONE OF THE CREW MISSING.
An explosion occurred on Saturday afternoon on the steam launch "Young Charlie" whilst lying at anchor in Woolloomoolloo Bay. The launch, which was owned by Messrs. Dwyer, Gidley, and Co., was a small launch, and was being used for the purpose of conveying passengers to the wharf. The explosion was caused by a quantity of dynamite which was being used for the purpose of clearing the wharf. The launch was blown to pieces, and one of the crew was killed. The other crew members were injured.

A public meeting of the residents of Handville will be held on the 11th inst. at 8 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the matter of a petition to the Government for the purpose of obtaining a railway line from Handville to the coast. The meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Thomas, who is the secretary of the Handville Improvement Society.

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The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call at 6.30 on Saturday to attend to a fire in the building of the "Young Charlie" launch. The fire was caused by a quantity of dynamite which was being used for the purpose of clearing the wharf. The launch was blown to pieces, and one of the crew was killed. The other crew members were injured.

The United States Consul, Colonel Bell, delivered an interesting lecture at the School of Arts on Saturday night on the subject of "The Anglo-Saxon in Australia." The lecture was well attended, and the speaker was highly praised for his clear and interesting presentation of the subject.

On Saturday morning a fatal accident happened to a young man named William James, who was employed as a labourer on the "Young Charlie" launch. The accident occurred whilst the launch was being used for the purpose of conveying passengers to the wharf. The launch was blown to pieces, and one of the crew was killed. The other crew members were injured.

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LATE EDITION.

HERALD OFFICE, 6.15 a.m.

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BELIEVED TO HAVE COMMENCED.

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PROPOSED CONCESSION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
THE PRIVY COUNCIL CLAUSES.
LONDON, April 22.
The severe censorship on news from the front is believed to indicate that Lord Roberts's forward movement has commenced.

INSPECTION OF THE ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.
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Lord Roberts has inspected the Red Cross section of the army now at Bloemfontein.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

FEDERATION.

DELEGATES RETURN TO LONDON.

THE OPEN-DOOR FOR NEW ZEALAND.
PROPOSED CONCESSION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
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LONDON, April 21.
The federal delegates (Mr. E. Barton, Mr. A. Deakin, Mr. C. C. Kingston, Mr. J. R. Dickson, and Sir P. O. Fysh) are returning to London, and will meet on Monday to consider the reply from the Premier's Conference regarding the proposed amendments to the Privy Council clauses of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill.

MR. W. P. REEVE, the Agent-General for New Zealand, and the delegate for that colony in federal matters, is urging that the open-door, allowing New Zealand to enter the Commonwealth as an original State within a reasonable period, should be conceded.

Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is disposed to agree to the concession if it does not necessitate another referendum.

Mr. Chamberlain also thinks that it is important that some concession should be made to Western Australia to induce that colony to join the federation. The "Times" in a leading article this morning says that it is gratified that the differences with regard to the bill are disappearing.

The "Times" also says that the value of the Privy Council to the colonies and its moderating influence are simply incalculable.

Mr. A. Miller Simpson, an ex-member of the South Australian Legislative Council, has cabled to the "Times" as follows:—"The Federation, Mr. Symon's telegram is misleading. The Australian public have had no opportunity of voting for federation with appeal to the Privy Council as one of the essential conditions. Only lawyers are interested in the retention of the right of appeal to the Privy Council."

MR. BARTON AT THE PRESS CLUB.
AN APPEAL NOT TO AMEND THE BILL.
LONDON, April 22.
Mr. E. Barton was a guest of the Press Club last night.

In the course of a speech he said that when common action was needed the Empire was already one.

Referring to the proposed amendments in the Commonwealth Bill, Mr. Barton said that the motherland should refrain from taking a step calculated to render the union of Australia with Great Britain less warm and less strong. The colonies asked the motherland to respect their votes upon matters of self-government.

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WEPENER RELIEF FORCE.

ARTILLERY DUEL NEAR DE WETS DORP.

SIR H. M. RUNDLE FIGHTS SUCCESSFULLY.
MOUNTED TROOPS OUTFLANK THE ENEMY.
BOERS DRIVEN BACK.
BRITISH OCCUPY A COMMANDING RIDGE.
HEAVY LOSSES OF THE ENEMY AT WEPENER.
REPULSED AT THE BAYONET'S POINT.
LORD METHUEN ORDERED TO RETIRE.
FIERCE FIGHT FOR A CONVOY.
SKILFUL BOER MOVEMENT.

DEFEATED WITH MANY CASUALTIES.
LONDON, April 22.
Lieutenant-General Sir H. M. Rundle, with the Eighth Division, advancing from Reddersburg to the relief of Wepener, fought an artillery duel with the enemy on Friday, five miles west of De Wets Dorp.

The contest lasted from noon till dusk. Two of the enemy's guns were silenced. At dusk the mounted infantry succeeded in outflanking the Boers, and opening fire on the enemy drove them back to the second ridge.

The British occupied at nightfall the first ridge which the Boers had held. There were only a few men wounded in Sir H. M. Rundle's division.

It is officially announced by the War Office that the flanking movement of the yeomanry and the mounted infantry enabled Sir H. M. Rundle to seize the enemy's first and higher position covering De Wets Dorp.

Sir H. M. Rundle advanced again on Saturday, and was fighting when the despatch was cabled to the War Office.

THE SIEGE OF WEPENER.
SEVERE FIGHTING.
MAXIMS SWEEP DOWN THE BOERS.
FIVE WAGGONS OF DEAD AND WOUNDED.
LONDON, April 20.
The Boers report that they have 8000 men, with 15 guns, attacking Wepener.

Further particulars have been received of the fighting at Wepener, which commenced on April 10, between Lieutenant-Colonel Dalgety's force and the Boers.

On the night of the 11th instant the Boers were discovered slipping up a donga near the town.

The British Maxims opened fire on the enemy at a range of 200 yards, and did immense execution.

From this donga alone the Boers removed five waggon loads of dead and wounded.

The enemy made a simultaneous attack on other positions held by the defending force, and were everywhere repulsed at the point of the bayonet.

THE GRAIN DISTRICTS OF THE FREE STATE.
LONDON, April 21.
Mr. Steyn, the ex-President of the Free State, is urging the Boers to protect at all costs, the British acquiring the rich grain districts of Wepener, Ladybrand, and Ficksburg, in the eastern portion of the State.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT.
SCANTY AND CONTRADICTORY.
AFFAIRS IN THE FREE STATE.
LONDON, April 20.
News from the front is scanty and contradictory.

It is believed, however, that important operations are proceeding.

There has been a deluge of rain all over the Free State. All the dams are full and grass is abundant.

The completion of Bethulie Bridge enables 15 instead of three trains to run into Bloemfontein daily.

A large number of Mauser rifles which had been concealed has been discovered at Bloemfontein.

THE PROJECTED ADVANCE.
DRIFTS IMPASSABLE.
LONDON, April 21.
Though the weather is now fine in the Orange Free State, the drifts on account of flood waters are still impassable. It is this which is delaying the advance of Lord Roberts.

GOVERNORSHIP OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE.
MAJOR-GENERAL PRETYMAN APPOINTED.
LONDON, April 21.
Major-General G. T. Pretyman, who on the occupation of Bloemfontein was appointed Governor of the city, has now been appointed Governor of the whole of

the occupied portions of the Orange Free State. This step has been taken with a view to the preservation of law and order.

A CIRCASSIAN NOBLEMAN KILLED.

LONDON, April 20.
Prince Morgap, a Circassian nobleman, was killed at Boshof at the same time as M. Villebois de Mareuil met his death.

LORD ROBERTS'S CENSURES.
REASON OF PRESENT PUBLICATION.
LONDON, April 20.
Field-Marshal Lord Roberts's criticisms of his general officers have caused a sensation in Natal, where, however, his conclusions are endorsed.

Mr. W. H. Long, President of the Board of Agriculture, speaking at Hull last night with reference to the withholding of the criticisms of Lord Roberts on General Sir Redvers Buller and Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Warren, explained that the censures of the Commander-in-Chief were published at a time when they were not likely to affect the results of pending operations.

Continuing, Mr. Long said that the recall of general officers was a matter entirely for the discretion of Lord Roberts.

FIGHTING AT KAREE.
LONDON, April 20.
Fighting is still proceeding at Karee, north of the Modder River.

RETIREMENT OF LORD METHUEN.
FIERCE FIGHT OVER A CONVOY.
BOERS REPULSED.
LONDON, April 22.
Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen, who, advancing from Boshof two weeks ago, occupied Zwartkopsfontein, on the road to Hoopstad, was on Friday ordered to retire on Boshof.

When his convoy, which stretched over six miles of ground, was approaching Boshof, 2000 Boers with three guns fiercely attacked the protecting force, consisting of the Kimberley Mounted Infantry and the Yorkshire Yeomanry.

The British took cover on a kopje. The Boers fought skilfully and determinedly, and at one moment were within 300 yards of the British force.

Eventually the Boers were repulsed after suffering heavy loss.

There were several British casualties. The convoy was saved.

BOERS ARMING NATIVES.
LONDON, April 21.
There are instances of the Boers in Natal arming natives and compelling them to assist the commandos.

THE REWARD OF GALLANTRY.
MAJOR BABBIE V.O.
LONDON, April 21.
Major W. Babbie, M.B., C.M.G., of the Army Medical Service, has been awarded the Victoria Cross for having brought in the Lieutenant Roberts, V.C., son of Lord Roberts, under heavy fire at the battle of Colenso on December 15.

PROPOSED DESTRUCTION OF RAND MINES.
ADMISSIONS BY THE STATE ENGINEER.
LONDON, April 20.
The 14 men who were arrested at Johannesburg by Herr Epler and his police on a charge of conspiracy to destroy with dynamite the mines and machinery on the Rand have been before a Transvaal court.

Herr Munick, the State Engineer, under whose directions the arrested men worked, was placed in the witness-box.

Under cross-examination Herr Munick admitted that Mr. T. W. Munn, the Transvaal Secretary of State, had instructed him to prepare plans to blow up with dynamite 25 of the mines, including several of the richest in the country.

Refugees declare that this plan has not been abandoned, despite official disclosures and the protests of the Consuls.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE TRANSVAAL.
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It is a very satisfactory sign for the Boers that the British took cover on a kopje. The Boers fought skilfully and determinedly, and at one moment were within 300 yards of the British force.

Eventually the Boers were repulsed after suffering heavy loss.

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The 14 men who were arrested at Johannesburg by Herr Epler and his police on a charge of conspiracy to destroy with dynamite the mines and machinery on the Rand have been before a Transvaal court.

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Under cross-examination Herr Munick admitted that Mr. T. W. Munn, the Transvaal Secretary of State, had instructed him to prepare plans to blow up with dynamite 25 of the mines, including several of the richest in the country.

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